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THE REPLY FILED 10 May 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Please see attachment.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: _____.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-50.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.
10. ☐ Other: _____


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The applicant argues "Swanson does not teach or suggest managing data from a plurality of ancillary system including determining whether data stored in an ancillary system is conducive to being processed into a value of a data item and retrieving data from one of the ancillary system and a data processing system based on the determining."

The examiner respectfully disagrees with the above argument. As previous discussed by the final office action dated on 03/09/04, Swanson suggests that "a client send in the request for service wherein the server determine which of servers to handle the request by the client stub 60 (col. 6, lines 37-50), wherein the requested information lies within another computer system 12 or subsystem 26-50 (col. 5, lines 8-1) wherein the subsystem is the ancillary system as claimed. The client request is being serviced by the server stub 62 in response to the determination of the client stub 60, wherein the server stub 62 unpack the input argument and calls the function desired by the client application. For example, in FIG 3, server program function 66 checks on the membership status. Server function 66 returns output arguments (and any error parameters) to the server stub 62, which passes them back to the client stub 60 (col. 6, lines 56-61) wherein data is being process comprising healthcare providers and a company, including physicians, hospitals, and dentist, reimbursement agreements between the providers and a company; effective dates; contracting entity; contracting companies; fee schedule and rates; rate type, such as, per dime, per hour, per stay, percentage; fee maximum; procedure codes; hospital, categories; government health care program information, such as, Medicaid and Medicare; and data relating to costs

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associated with a medical service but for which a claim has not yet been received (col.

7, lines 45-54) wherein these data are conducive to processed into the values.

Furthermore, in column 7, lines 3-14, Swanson suggests "client stubs 60 are responsible for locating a server to handle the request, packaging argument and passing them over the network 10 to the server with the validation ticket, waiting for the server to reply and unpacking the return value and output arguments returned by the server wherein the unpacking the return values are the values processed from the sub-system."

Claims 2-20, 22-40 and 42-50 are rejected under the same reason with independent claims 1, 21 and 41.